

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	November 18, 2015
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	December 8, 2015
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	First District
<b>DEPARTMENTS</b>	The Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Request approval for: 1) the DMH and LASD to implement an Alternative to Custody (ATC) pilot program, for sentenced male inmates that are within six months or less of release from jail, who have intensive co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, and whose placement in the program can be funded under Assembly Bill (AB) 109; and 2) amend the DMH Legal Entity Agreement with Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center (Gateways) for augmented residential mental health services.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<p>Program participants would remain under the jurisdiction of LASD while residing in the ATC Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) Step-down pilot program at Gateways' licensed Adult Residential Facility (ARF) with an off-site Medi-Cal certified outpatient mental health clinic that provides field-based mental health, and co-occurring disorders services. The inmates are subject to return to custody for any program non-compliance. Candidates selected for the program will be sentenced male inmates 18 to 54 years of age, whose placement in the program can be funded under AB 109 that have been incarcerated for non-sexual, non-serious and non-violent offenses that appear to be the result of or associated with their mental illness. Each program candidate will be screened by LASD via a validated risk assessment tool designed to assess an inmate's risk of recidivism. Eligible candidates may range from low to moderate risk with a case-by-case review of eligibility for inmates who score a high risk for recidivism related to non-violent drug or property crimes. Inmates who score high risk for violent behavior or pose a known public safety risk to the facility or community are ineligible for placement in this program. Inmates determined to be high-risk for drug or property related recidivism will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with DMH and Gateways to determine their program eligibility and to provide program authorization.</p> <p>Eligible participants will receive pre-release orientation to the program through Motivational Interviewing techniques prior to transfer from jail to the residential program. LASD will transfer candidates from the correctional facilities to the ARF operated by Gateways. Gateways will contract with a security agency to provide on-site, 24 hours a day security guards and the ARF will be equipped with a delayed egress system to ensure security and monitor participants' program compliance, but it is not a locked facility. As an additional security measure, program participants will be outfitted with a Global Positioning Service tracking devices and monitored for compliance through LASD.</p>
<b>DEADLINES</b>	None

<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	<p>The Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 cost of the amendment for Gateways to implement the ATC Program, is \$3,995,000, which is fully funded with 2011 Realignment – AB 109 in the amount of \$3,290,000, and Federal Financial Participation Medi-Cal in the amount of \$705,000, and is included in DMH's FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget.</p> <p>Funding for future years will be requested from the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Health Services Office of Diversion and Re-Entry, during the annual budget process, should the ATC IMD Step-down pilot program prove successful. The requested action will have no impact on net County cost.</p>
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	<p>Board approval will enable DMH, in collaboration with LASD, to implement a pilot ATC IMD Step-down program at Gateways Normandie Village East to provide augmented residential mental health services for sentenced male inmates with intensive co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The program will enable these individuals to serve the remainder of their sentences in the IMD Step-down program to stabilize their mental health conditions and support their recovery from substance use. The specialized intensive residential program will employ a recovery approach to empower participants towards community re-integration and provide linkage to community services and supports.</p>
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  <b>(Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)</b>	<p>DMH surveyed its existing IMD Step-down providers to identify providers that would be able to provide specialized IMD Step-down program services for sentenced male inmates who qualify for AB 109 funding and provide housing from a single site location for up to 42 individuals. Gateways was the only agency with the experience needed to treat the target population and the available capacity to have all 42 individuals housed in one single residential facility.</p> <p>Gateways is a nonprofit organization with its headquarters office located at 1891 Effie Street, Los Angeles, First Supervisorial District, and is uniquely qualified to provide the intensive mental health services and housing for this pilot project. Since 1953, Gateways has provided a full range of recovery-based mental health services, including acute inpatient services, outpatient mental health clinics, homeless services and housing programs. In addition, Gateways has operated three successful DMH IMD Step-down programs, which includes a specialized forensic IMD Step-down program; an alternative sentencing residential program designed to serve individuals involved in the criminal justice system; and a residential and outpatient mental health treatment services in Los Angeles County for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation program.</p>
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